

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis, is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, COPD is the only chronic illness with a rising death rate; and

WHEREAS, early detection and diagnosis, effective treatment, and patient education are key to stopping the rising death rate and reducing the incidence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of this chronic and progressive disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA